

TITLE: CD DRIVE MAGAZINE LOCKING APPARATUS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(a) Field of the Invention

5 The present invention is related to an improved locking apparatus for a CD drive magazine, and more particularly, to one that holds the magazine entering into the CD drive in position with a locking member by restraining the magazine from slipping off the casing, and further secure the magazine by having both
10 of the magazine and the locking member interlocked to each other to avoid escaping by either of the magazine or the locking member.

(b) Description of the Prior Art:

 An apparatus of a magazine type of CD drive of the prior art as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawings is
15 essentially comprised of a casing (30) to accommodate multiple members, and a magazine (10) to access to the casing (30) so to load a CD into a fixed location inside the casing (30). The casing contains a drive component (40) to drive the magazine (10) to enter into or exit from the casing (30).

20 As illustrated in Figs. 2, and 3, the magazine (10) is fixed in an apparatus comprised of a locking member (20) linked to the drive component and a locking alley (11) provided at where in relation to the locking member (20). Wherein, the locking member (20) includes a locking rod (21) disposed at
25 a right angle to the body of the magazine (10). The locking alley (11) permits the slide in of the locking rod (21) and the locking rod (21) retreats from the locking alley (11) whenever the drive component exits the magazine (10) out of the casing (30). Consequently, the locking alley (11) releases
30 the magazine (10) to clear out of the casing as driven by the

drive component (40), or to permit the locking rod (21) of the locking member (20) to slide in at the same time when the drive component pulls in the magazine (10) into the casing (30) to a fixed point as illustrated in Fig. 1 or 4 so to lock the magazine (10) in position inside the casing (30).

The locking apparatus of the prior art serves its purpose of locking the magazine (10) in position by the locking member (20) with the locking rod (21) sliding into the locking alley (11) to prevent the magazine (10) from sliding off the casing (30). However, whenever the CD drive is subject to vibration or hit by an externally applied force, the locking rod (21) escapes from the locking alley (11) to fail its purpose of holding the magazine (10) in position, and the wild magazine (10) will cause damage to the CD drive and the CD due to the absence of a direct connection between the magazine (10) and the locking member (20).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The primary purpose of the present invention is to provide an improved structure of the locking apparatus for a magazine adapted to a CD drive that firmly secures the magazine in position by preventing the escape of a locking alley from the magazine. To achieve the purpose, the locking alley is designed with a free top end and an entrance is provided at the end of the locking alley where a locking rod is admitted. On one cross section of the locking alley in relation to the top of the locking rod is formed with a wider gradation. The locking member to hold the magazine in position is provided at its top a flange to merely slide into the locking alley. Consequently, when the locking rod slides into the locking alley, the flange of the locking rod and the gradation of the locking alley constitute

a direct connection between the magazine and the locking member to prevent the escape of the locking member from the magazine.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a view showing the appearance of a casing and
5 a magazine of a CD drive of the prior art.

Fig. 2 is a schematic view showing a locking apparatus for a magazine locking apparatus of the prior art.

Fig. 3 is a schematic view showing a status of restriction by a locking rod and a locking alley of the magazine locking
10 apparatus of the prior art.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing a status of restriction by a locking rod and a locking alley of the magazine locking apparatus of the prior art.

Fig. 5 is a view showing the appearance of a casing and
15 a magazine of a CD drive of the prior art applied in the present invention.

Fig. 6 is an exploded view of a casing, a magazine and a drive component of the prior art applied in the present invention.

Fig. 7 is an exploded view of the apparatus of a locking
20 member and a gear CD of the present invention.

Fig. 8 is a schematic view of an appearance of the locking status of the magazine of the prior art used in the present invention.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view showing the connection status
25 between the locking member and the magazine of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The structure of a CD drive of the present invention of
30 a magazine locking apparatus for a CD drive as illustrated in

Figs. 5 and 6 is basically the same as that of the prior art of a magazine type of CD drive. A preferred embodiment of the present invention is comprised of a casing (30) to accommodate a component and a locking apparatus that allows a magazine (10) to enter into the casing (30) so to load a CD into a fixed location inside the casing (30). The casing (30) contains a drive component (40) to drive the magazine (10) to enter into or exit from the casing (30).

The locking apparatus includes a locking member (20) linked to the drive component (40) and a locking alley (11) disposed at where in relation to whether the magazine is fixed in position. The locking member (20) is adapted with a locking rod (21) at a right angle to the body of the magazine (10), and its locking alley (11) is provided to admit the locking rod (21). As illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7, the drive component (40) is comprised of a gear disc (41) to drive the magazine to move, and a cam groove (411) is provided on the surface of the gear disc (41). The locking member (20) is provided with a pin (22) to merely reach into the cam groove (411) to link between the pin (22) and the cam groove (411) when the gear disc (41) turns around, thus for the locking rod (21) to slide into or retreat from the locking alley (11) when the locking member (20) is driven by the gear disc (41).

While the drive component (40) retreats the magazine out of the casing (30), the locking rod (21) exist from the locking alley (11) at the same time so to release the magazine (10) for it to exit from the casing (30) as driven by the drive component (40). On the contrary, when the drive component (40) pulls the magazine (10) into a fixed point inside the casing (30), the locking rod (21) slides into the locking alley (11)

to secure the magazine (10) in position inside the casing (30).

Now referring to Figs. 7, 8 and 9, the locking apparatus of the present invention is further having the locking alley (11) of the magazine designed into one with a free top. Wherein,
5 an entrance (12) is provided at the end in relation to where the locking rod (21) slides into the locking alley, and cross section of the locking alley is formed with a wider gradation (13) on the side in relation to the top of the locking rod (21). Meanwhile, a flange (23) is disposed at the top of the locking
10 rod (21) to constitute a direct connection between the magazine (10) and the locking member (20) as illustrated in Fig. 9 when the locking rod (21) slides into the locking alley (11) to prevent the escape of the locking member (20) out of the magazine (10), and thus to firmly secure the magazine (10) in position.

15 As disclosed above, the locking apparatus for a CD drive provides a better feasible locking structure for the magazine type of CD drive. Therefore, this application for a utility patent is duly filed accordingly; however, it should be noted that the preferred embodiment and the accompanying drawings
20 disclosed herein are not used to limit the present invention, and any structure, installation and characteristics that are similar or identical to that of the present invention shall be deemed as falling within the scope of the purposes and claims of the present invention.

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